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1. All residents of Berlin's western sectors who hold functionalary posts in SED Shop Groups ("Betriebsgruppen") in the Soviet Sector of Berlin are to be released for functionalary work in their areas of residence. This order originated with the SED Landesvorstand Berlin, and is a part of the continuing effort to strengthen and improve the quality of functionaries in the western sectors.
2. A class for Shop Group Instructors ("Betriebsparteischullehrer") is scheduled to begin at the Karl Marx School in Klein-Machnow on 31 January 1949. This class, the first of its kind, will train personnel to take over Shop Group work in (at first) the Soviet Zone of Germany. The personnel must have attended at least a SED Kreis School, must possess knowledge of a trade, and are selected with unusual attention to political reliability and organizational ability. On completion of their training at the Karl Marx School they will be sent to factories in the Soviet Zone, where they will take jobs as workers. There they will organize party training in the Shop Groups and subsequently each will be elected "spontaneously" to a significant post in his Shop Group -- e.g., "Polleiter", "Orgleiter", or "Personalobmann". After being elected functionaries, they will be excused from work by the shop management, and allowed to devote their full time to party work. Thus each will become, regardless of the particular functionalary post he fills, the actual head of his Shop Group. Information on size and number of classes to be trained at the Karl Marx School is not yet available.

Comment: The above reported plan of action on the part of the SED confirms information received in December 1948 which stated that the SED Landesvorstand Berlin, and presumably similar bodies in the Soviet Zone, had been instructed to concentrate their efforts on organizational activity, particularly in factory groups.)

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